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The public meeting held in Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening at which Mayor Houghton made his address outlining the city administration for the past two years was the most important meeting held here during the history of the town or city. Before the hour set for the meeting the hall was filled and hundreds were turned away.

At a little after 7 o'clock there were half a hundred men in the corridor of the hall awaiting the opening of the doors many were then streaming up the stairs and could not find standing room on the landing. The hall filled immediately on the opening of the doors and before the speakers took their seats on the platform there was not standing room for another person. Some of the best known citizens were leaning up against the walls and the space at the end of the seats reminded one of the last town meeting days when such men as W. G. Cady had to get up on a ladder to be seen and heard. The stair landing had all that it could accommodate and the windows looking out on Main street had all they could hold. Many came and could not get a place to set their foot.

The most perfect order was maintained in the audience throughout the whole time the meeting lasted. The closest attention was given the speakers and the applause at times was an expression of unusual enthusiasm. The points made by the mayor were not lost in the slightest degree on the men who listened to him and the familiarity of the listeners with public affairs was proven by the warm way in which details given them were received when they had strong bearing on current criticisms. There has never been a meeting in North Adams at which such attention was given the speaker and none at which the endorsement of things said was so marked.

Among those on the stage were the following: P. J. Boland, F. L. Tilton, Albert Hawkins, William Armstrong, Morris Gatsick, John Cady, David Bingham, Dr. C. J. Curran, H. W. Clark, F. E. Swift, J. H. Plagg, V. A. Whitaker, W. H. Gaylord, H. S. Lyons, W. H. Sperry, Dr. G. W. Brown, James E. Hunter, G. A. Hastings, F. E. White, C. T. Phelps, I. F. Hall, James Whitely, John A. Bond, H. C. Fowler, F. F. Murdoch, Edward Barnard, A. C. Weber, T. W. Sykes, J. Emmott, Dr. D. R. Dewey, D. R. Waite, Rev. W. L. Tenney, Dr. T. J. Patnam, Henry A. Towor, Rev. J. C. Tabetts, Rev. Mr. Spencer and others.

Judge Carlton T. Phelps was chairman and shortly after 8 o'clock he introduced Mayor Houghton after making a short speech in which he referred to the obtaining of the city charter and its position among the charters of the state. He had strong words in favor of the administration and the mayor.

Mr. Houghton warmed to his subject, the longer he spoke, and at times urged his points with great feeling and eloquence. This was especially true when he made generous reference to his co-laborers in the city government, and when he dwelt on the work of the board of health in materially decreasing the death rate in the city. But the climax of enthusiasm broke over the crowded hall when the mayor had effectively closed his address by saying that honest effort had been put forth by all the city's officials to

serve the city faithfully and well, and then, facing the audience in conscious strength of his position, said that he was ready to answer any question. There was a moment's silence, no one offering to raise objection to a word that had been said or ask a question. Then began a storm of applause that shook the building and continued for several moments, died away and then began again. The man of whom it had been said "he dares not answer questions," stood vindicated, without a protestor from among all his carping critics.

After Mr. Houghton had sat down, Rev. Mr. Tenney moved him a vote of thanks for having explained in his fair and unpartisan way the doings of the administration. This was voted with a shout and the meeting was then dissolved. A rush of men started for the platform, eager to congratulate Mr. Houghton, who was kept busy shaking hands for some time.

The Mayor's Speech.

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Citizens and Neighbors: I assure you that it gives me great pleasure to be present here tonight and to give you an account of my stewardship for the last two years.

It was in this hall where the idea of having a city charter was first put forth, or in other words where it was submitted for your examination, and it is proper that in this hall you should hear an account of what has taken place during the last two years.

The New Form.

Of course when you started off from the town government, with the irregularities that you had under that form and were transformed into a city government, there was quite a change. The city government was organized about two years ago, and the great power which the charter conferred upon the mayor of making nearly all appointments and giving almost unlimited power to the executive department was unique among the city charters of this commonwealth, and as Judge Phelps just said, "We have been upon trial because our city charter is so far in advance of those of other cities."

Uncompleted Reservoir.

After the various appointments were made and we got to running in a natural way about the first thing that was taken up was the uncompleted reservoir that was to give us pure water. We found that reservoir left over to us from the town. It had been, up to the time of the founding of the city government, done by day labor. There was a difference of opinion as to whether the reservoir was costing more money than it should. The prudential committee had advertised for bids and there were many made but it was finally thought wise not to complete it by contract, but to give the work out to the residents of the town of North Adams. The work was carried on through the summer but was not completed, so when the city government came in and the cost to complete it was computed, it seemed to be the better judgment to contract the work out, and it seemed to be the sentiment of the people that it should be so done and should have been done so at first.

Local Bidders High.

Therefore the board of public works, consisting of Messrs. Cady, Hunter and

Chase, after due consideration and after talking it over with the mayor, decided that we should ask for bids for this work and have it done by contract. I think there were seven or eight bids and but one bid from people of North Adams which was almost twice as much as the bids from the outside, and of the bid of the party to whom we awarded the contract. The work was carried on under the inspection of the county commissioners, who appointed an engineer to see that the plans and specifications were carried out correctly. The work was completed under the first year of the administration and there was about \$14,000 or \$15,000 saved under the estimate.

The Money Saved.
That money, under the recommendation of the state board of health and of our local board of health, Dr. Simpson, Mr. Ashe and Mr. Richardson, was taken for the purpose of purchasing those farms in the Notch to remove all the sewage that came from the barns and stables and wipe the objectionable buildings out of the way so they could not contaminate the pure water that we now have. We decided after going to the council and after the recommendation of the board of health and state board, that these farms be purchased. They were purchased for something like \$15,000, that we had saved out of the appropriation. The buildings were all removed so the water flowing into the reservoir was kept pure.

Inaugural Prediction Fulfilled.
Now, gentlemen, you remember at the close of the first year it was stated in the inaugural that it did not seem wise to build more reservoirs because we believe what we had would give ample supply for at least 10 years, and give all the water needed. Therefore, for the past year this reservoir has been on trial and the prediction has been on trial, and it is pleasant to state to you that which you all know, that you have not wanted for pure water and you have not been ordered to shut off fountains or stop sprinkling your lawns if you desired to.

Preventing Suits.
After the completion of this reservoir, or rather during the time it was being completed, other work was taken up, work on the surface sewers. The sewers from the swamp up through Meadow street were constructed, while a suit of Mr. Boland's was pending against the town, as the water came into his cellar and did great damage. Much more work of like nature was needed because the surface water was not taken care of. Afterwards the board of health took up the question of domestic sewers.

State Board Endorses.
After consulting with the state board of health and finding their decision was that we must have more sewers and that eventually we would be called upon to take all the sewerage from our streams, they were invited to come up here and look over the ground. Plans were made and submitted to them and a system of sewers, which would insure this village complete drainage, was begun. The work was carried on during the first year of the administration as far as possible.

that the desire of the people was for better roads and more permanent improvements and that we were doing too much on our roads not of a permanent nature. The thought seemed to be that if we attempted public improvements there would be injustice done to outlying districts. It was hardly fair to ask outlying districts to come into the village and pay in the same proportion as those living within the village, therefore, after a great deal of study and consultation the idea was conceived that we might get a permanent improvement not through the legislature which would enable us to assess the abutters thereby relieving the people on the outside from being burdened so heavily as the people in the village and putting more of this burden upon the abutters.

Before the Board of Trade.
To get an expression from the people it seemed to be wise that it should be submitted to the board of trade, that being a representative body, that they might express themselves as to the advisability of having an act passed to carry out this plan. We suggested to the board of trade this idea and a meeting was called. It was very largely attended and I went there and unfolded the plan of permanent improvements, explaining to them the desire of the people and what we had in mind to do. It was received with favor and there was not a dissenting voice. Many spoke in favor and no one, as I remember, spoke against it. Finally after full and free discussion it was voted that it be recommended to the city council and that they be requested to ask the mayor to petition the legislature to have the bill enacted with provisions to assess the abutters.

The Bill's Features.
Under the bill so enacted, our public improvements are being carried on. It limits the indebtedness, as I have stated, to \$100,000, extending over a period of five years, so that one-fifth falls due each year. It also creates a lien on the real estate of the abutters securing their proportion, the same as any other tax which is assessed. It also compels the street railway to pay its proportion, which must first be deducted.

Protecting the People.
We also appreciate the fact that we must give the people the very best protection. If we were to have a public improvement act under which debt would be incurred the limit of such debt should be fixed in that act. It was thought best to make this limit \$100,000 and that limit is fixed in the act. We felt that in such an act we could protect the outlying residents, the abutters and the city's interests as well. We got a bill through the legislature containing all these provisions and authorizing the assessing of 50 per cent. on the abutters. Take for example one of our streets which I shall speak of presently. Upon this basis, if we laid out \$20,000 on that street, \$10,000 would be given by abutters, \$5,000 on either side, and \$10,000 by the city, less the amount that the Hoosac Valley street railway company must pay.

This amounts on the Main street to 12 1/2 per cent. of the whole expense of paving



MAYOR A. C. HOUGHTON.

The Truth Vindicates Him.

Quite a system of domestic sewers was put in and a system of better plumbing. The condemning of unsanitary buildings was begun, thus renovating the town, and removing places where there might be germs of disease. A good work has been done by the local board of health during the last two years.

Happy Go-Lucky Way.
So far as macadam and better roads were concerned, there was very little done during the first year of the administration. Center street was macadamized and a piece of macadam put down near the monument, but not very much. We purchased a steam roller and got the work fairly started the first year. Of course you are aware that before this change of a town government to a city government took place things were carried on in a sort of easy, go-lucky way. When we came to change to city government we had to establish grades to put in sewers, to extend water pipes, and it took a long time to get everything going nicely, so that we have been able to accomplish more the second year than we did the first.

Desire for Improvements.
Now in regard to the second year of the administration, the thought came to us

this street. It also provides that before the improvements can be put in operation two-thirds of the council must order the work done and the mayor must give his approval also.

The act further provides that a plan must be drawn and specifications filed with the register of deeds within thirty days after the approval of the paving order. In other words every safeguard is thrown around the people by this act in its limitations concerning the debt, its lien upon real estate, its time of payment so that it is perfectly safe in every way. This bill was approved by the legislature and passed just as it was framed. I have a copy of the bill here, but I hardly think it is necessary to read it as I have covered very fully its provisions.

Good Business Judgment.
Now there was a calculation made to know where this would land us if we went on with it and that calculation was such that it seemed we could get, as we have been getting, permanent improvements; that we could build school houses and that we could take care of our debt as it becomes due. This being so it seemed good

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Since Kris Kringle Day,

A few dollars will buy more solid comfort, as well as res pleasure than any other Xmas tide. Christmas goods have been gathered with a forethought of your needs. Arrange with consummate skill for easy choosing, priced rightly for quick selling.

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- Purses—for bills, for change, 25c to best seal skin, \$2.00
- New lined Kid Gloves, worth \$1.25, for \$1.00, No 1363.
- 5 A All-Wool Natural Underwear, worth \$1.50. Our ability to buy makes it \$1.25.
- Neckwear, 25c to \$1.25.
- New Umbrellas today \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
- Night Shirts opened yesterday include outing flannel a 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

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At Cutting Corner each Christmas, and this is no exception, judging by the throngs of loving mothers visiting our Boys' Department each day.

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- New Neckwear for boys, 25c.
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AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

Charged With Indecent Assault—Ploving in December—Poultry Thieves at Work—Trustees to Meet—Young Men's Classes—Christmas at St. John's.

Poultry Thieves at Work.

The poultry thieves have begun operations in town. H. J. Pease, who lives on the Oblong road, missed about 15 hens and two ducks Friday morning. The thieves traveled by team and the track showed that they came from Hancock way and went North via Hemlock Brook. A hen's head which had been twisted from the neck was found in the road near George Field's place, which is a mile or more south of Mr. Pease's, and this would indicate that Mr. Pease's hen roost was not the first one to suffer that night. It is supposed that the hen whose neck was wrung was inclined to be noisy. No other heads were found along the road. Mr. Pease, C. D. Phelps and George Field started out and were scouring the country all day for clues.

Charged With Indecent Assault.

Ezra Turner, a married man about 50 years of age, and who is not living with his wife, was in court Friday charged with an indecent assault on Minnie, the seven-year-old daughter of Charles Horton of Meacham street. Turner was stopping at the Horton house and what was considered improper conduct on his part was discovered Thursday evening by Mrs. Horton. Turner left the house and was later arrested and locked up by Constable Joseph Fairweather. In court the evidence was not sufficient to sustain the charge, but Turner was convicted of simple assault and sentenced by Judge Tenney to the house of correction for three months.

Young Men's Classes.

The committee recently appointed met Thursday evening to consider matters in connection with the young men's classes which are soon to be opened for the winter. The committee decided to issue a circular at an early date explaining the work and inviting young men to join. It is possible that a small entrance fee may be charged to defray expenses, but this has not yet been definitely decided upon. Any subject called for by three or more members will be taught and it is probable that the class will be considerably larger than they were last winter. A. E. Evans was appointed secretary by the committee.

Trustees to Meet.

A meeting of the trustees of the D. K. B. society will be held in town Monday at 11 a. m., to consider the new building, which is nearly completed, and the decorations, etc. Judge Barker of Pittsfield and W. H. Hollister, Jr., of Troy, will be present, and possibly some from New York. Foreman Simmons of the architectural firm of Lamb & Rice, New York, who furnished the plans for the building,

was in town Wednesday to look it over. The building will be finished by the opening of the next college term.

Christmas at St. John's.

Services will be held at St. John's church Christmas eve at 7.30 o'clock and on Christmas day a service with special music will be held at 10.30 a. m. The church will be tastefully decorated. On Tuesday evening, December 28, there will be a children's service and the singing of Christmas carols, after which a Christmas tree will be harvested and its fruits distributed among the members of the Sunday school.

Ploving in December.

Superintendent Northup of Col. Hopkins' farm has had two teams busy for a few days past ploving greensward. Mr. Northup says the land is in excellent condition for ploving.

The Amherst Chess club has petitioned the faculty for permission to form a chess league with Williams. Dr. John Bascom will preach at the college chapel Sunday morning and address the Young Men's Christian association in the evening.

A party of western students have chartered a special sleeping car which will be attached to the express train going west at 1.35 p. m. Tuesday, the day the college closes for the holiday vacation.

Professor Fernald will lecture before the freshman class Monday afternoon on "Grecian Architecture." The lecture will be illustrated by 50 lantern views.

Professor Dale has accepted an invitation to give a course of lectures before the Tuesday Night institute, North Adams on "The Geology of Mt. Greylock."

Prof. Bliss Perry of Princeton has a story in the December number of McClure's magazine entitled "The Incident of the British Ambassador."

John E. Gale is building on the John A. Torrey farm a brooding house 15 by 50 feet in dimensions. It will be heated by steam and will furnish brooding accommodations for 500 chickens.

Max and Roger Rice, sons of Professor Rice, are home from preparatory school at Lawrenceville, N. J., for the holiday vacation.

F. H. Daniels and Hiram Bacon were in Troy Thursday to visit Mr. Daniels' daughter, Mrs. Julius Plan.

The frame of Col. A. L. Hopkins' new barn has been raised.

Miss Bailey, a teacher in the Center school, left town Friday to spend the holiday vacation at her home.

Miss Bessie Wadham, who had been visiting for a few weeks at the home of her uncle, P. A. Chambers, left today for her home in Garland, N. Y.

Miss Maynard, who teaches in the Center school, will spend the Christmas vacation with friends at Bay Shore, L. I. Professor and Mrs. Hewitt will spend the holiday vacation in Georgia.

Special sale of millinery at Wells' millinery store, corner Main and Water streets. Horton's ice cream at J. T. Wells'.

If you want nice fresh candy for Christmas call on J. T. Wells, next to Millinery store, corner Main and Water streets.

SHOT BY TWO ROBBERS

Six Bullets In the Body of a Connecticut Man.

Wife Bound and Gagged In His Absence.

Fatally Wounded As He Entered His Residence In Wilton Village.

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 18.—Advocates of the abolition of capital punishment have another example in support of their insistence that the imposition of the death penalty has not a deterrent effect upon those disposed to murder. Wilton, a village about eight miles distant, furnishes the latest instance of the taking of human life in the perpetration of a felony. David Lambert is the victim and two strangers were concerned in the double crime of robbery and shooting, with mortal effect. One bullet crushed his skull, another lodged in his right lung, the third in his elbow and one in his hip, while two others inflicted flesh wounds in the abdomen.

David Lambert, aged 42, is the last victim. Six shots were fired at him, all of which took effect, one bullet crushing his skull, another lodging in his right lung, the third in his elbow and one in his hip, while the other two inflicted flesh wounds in the abdomen.

The affair happened Friday afternoon and the story, as told by Mrs. Lambert, is to the effect that in response to a knock shortly before 5 o'clock, she opened the door, to be confronted by two masked men, who immediately seized her, threw her on the floor, gagged and bound her, and then chloroformed her.

Mrs. Lambert was alone in the house at the time and the robbers proceeded about the house in search of plunder. While they were upstairs Mr. Lambert returned from this city, and just as he entered the house he was deliberately shot at by the men, who emitted two revolvers into him. He fell to the floor unconscious. The robbers then calmly drew the shells from their revolvers, reloaded them, and took Mr. Lambert's team and drove away.

After great exertions Mrs. Lambert succeeded in freeing herself a few hours later and went to the nearest neighbor, about half a mile distant. As soon as possible word was sent to the police of this city, and Captain Gladstone at once delegated three men on the case. It was thought the men might try to leave by team and a watch was put on the depot, but soon afterward one of the officers found the team about a block from the station, and it is believed that the men left for New York on the 8:11 train, which was before the officers had any knowledge of the affair. Word was at once sent to the New York police, informing them to be on the lookout.

Medical Examiner Burke and Dr. William J. Tracey went at once to the scene of the crime, and it was at once apparent that the man was fatally wounded. Two watches and some rings comprised the greater part of the booty secured.

Mr. Lambert is favorably known in educational circles throughout the state from his connection with Lambert academy, a private institution which he conducted, and Mrs. Lambert is a well known magazine writer who, under the name of Eva L. Ouden, contributed

many articles to periodicals. It is said that a former pupil of the academy is suspected. He boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, but left a few years ago under a cloud, and Mrs. Lambert has informed the officers that the voice and other characteristics were similar to the former pupil.

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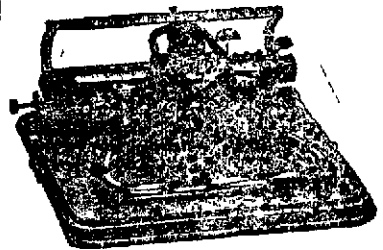
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The Puritan

is now sweeping on. That one exception was MUNSEY'S MAGAZINE, when it swept over this country like a cyclone and made all the world marvel. It was MUNSEY'S MAGAZINE that gave the ten cent magazine to the people—that made the ten cent magazine possible. In less than two years, it had reached out to 700,000 homes, where it at once became a part of the home life.

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Ladies'

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2.50, 3, 3.50, 3.75, 4, 4.50, 5, 5.50 and 7.50.

Ladies' initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2 to 25c each.
100 dozen ladies' pure linen, hand-drawn handkerchiefs, at 12 1-2 each.

Men's hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 17, 19, 20, 25, 37 1-2 and 50c.

Men's initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2, 15, 25 and 50c.

Kid Gloves.

What is a more acceptable gift than a pair of kid gloves?

Christmas ... Presents

From our immense stock of goods you may select some suitable Christmas Gifts.

We have just received about \$2000 worth of kid gloves of our Christmas trade. We are showing the latest novelties in all colors and styles. Some extra good values at \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Kid gloves, silk lined, regular price \$2.50, we offer them \$2.00 a pair.

Men's Furnishings.

25 dozen men's neckties, four-in-hands, tecks, string and bow ties, choice 25c. each.

A choice assortment of tecks, puffs and four-in-hands, bought especially for our Christmas trade, 50c.

Ladies White Aprons.

Aprons at 15c.
" 25c.
" 35c.
" 50c.
" 75c.
" \$1.00.
" 1.25.
" 1.50.

We have purchased an unusually large and attractive stock of fancy china dishes, vases, cups and saucers and a few glass vases, which we shall offer at reasonable prices.

Christmas Linens.

10 dozen fine satin damask towels, fine drawn work, extra heavy knotted fringe, special holiday offering at 75c. each.

25 dozen fine damask towels, drawn work and heavy knotted fringe, great value at 50c. each.

Fine satin damask towels 75c. each.

" " 89c. "
" " 1.00 "
" " 1.25 "
" " 1.50 "

Sheets and Pillow Cases

8-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 45c.

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42x36 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 11 1-2c.

45x38 1-2 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 12 1-2c.

Our special hem-stitched pillow cases, size 42x36 at 12 1-2c., size 45x38 1-2 at 15c.

Sterling Silver Novelties

Lowest prices.

Shopping Bags.

We are offering some good values in Boston bags at lowest prices, \$1.00 to 3.75.

Night Gowns.

10 dozen ladies' night gowns, handsomely trimmed with fine embroideries and insertion, three different styles, regular price is \$1.25, holiday price only

\$1.00.

15 dozen ladies' night gowns, fine muslin, V neck of insertion, wide ruffle of fine embroidery over shoulders, a very dainty gown, price only

\$1.25.

20 dozen ladies' empire night gowns trimmed with handsome embroideries and insertion, regular price \$1.75, holiday price only

\$1.50.

Ladies' Dressing Jackets

100 ladies' eider-down dressing jackets, colors pink, blue, red and gray, size \$32 to 42, price

\$1.25.

Special values in eider-down dressing jackets, \$1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Guting Flannel Night Robes.

We have purchased especially for our holiday trade a large stock of outing flannel night robes, prices 69, 75, 85c, \$1.25 and 1.50.

Fur Collarettes.

Some handsome fur collarettes, suitable for Christmas gifts.

Fancy Collars.

We have a splendid assortment of fancy lace and chiffon collars, ruffles and fancy fronts.
Pompadour ruffles.
Pompadour collars.

75 children's neckers, sizes 4 to 12 years, regular prices \$5.50 to 8.00 choice for 5-00.

Misses' jackets, special value, sizes 14 and 16 years.

Blankets.

75 all wool 11-1 blankets, regular price \$7.00, extra good value for the holidays \$5.50 a pair

5 extra large size 13 1-2 fine all wool blankets. For our Christmas trade we shall offer them at \$15.00 a pair.

Blankets and Comfortables range in price from 50c to \$15.00.

We have just received some very and dainty styles especially for the holiday trade.

Cloak Department.

Immense Reductions for the Holidays

In order to greatly stimulate business in our cloak department and to sell as many garments as possible before Christmas, we have decided that instead of waiting until after January 1st, to make big reductions on all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks.

200 Ladies' Jackets at Less Than Cost.

One lot of about 75 jackets, rough and smooth cloths, colors tan, blue, green, brown and black, regular price is \$15.00.

Special Value at \$9.

8 finest quality jersey cloth jackets, handsomely lined with heavy silk, regular price \$25.

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AT ADAMS.

CHURCH NOTES.

Zyloite Chapel.

A special service in honor of Forfeathers' day will be observed Sunday. Rev. Miles B. Fisher will deliver an historical address. Ernest Alexander will sing a solo.

Congregational.

The pastor will preach morning and evening.

At next Tuesday evening's meeting of the Christian Endeavor society William Pow will lead. "The subject will be 'Sins and How to Get Rid of Them.'"

Universalist.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be "Some things that have never been told." In the evening at 7 p. m. he will speak on "The Old Doctrines. What is Left of Them? Modern Ideas of Heaven."

The Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the church parlors Friday evening.

Trinity Methodist.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be "Remembered Blessings." In the evening he will preach on "Divine Teachings." The regular meeting of the Epworth league will be held at 6 p. m. The subject will be "The Witness of the Spirit." Mrs. Stetson will lead.

A business meeting of the Epworth league will be held Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dora Phillips will conduct this evening's meeting of the pastor's class.

Baptist.

There will be regular Sunday services morning and evening.

The Young Peoples' union will meet at 6 p. m. The subject will be "Man's Failure, God's Success." Miss Myrtle Richmond will lead.

The ladies will serve their regular 10-cent supper Tuesday evening.

The Woman's Missionary union will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Amanda Gregoire.

Mrs. Amanda Gregoire, aged 38 years, wife of Thomas Gregoire, died at her home on Grove hill about 10 o'clock Friday morning after a brief illness. She was born in this town and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dupree. She was an estimable woman and one who had won the respect of a large circle of friends. Her early death is a source of sad bereavement to her family and many acquaintances. She leaves besides her husband six children, Louis, Maud, Edward, Nelson, Liva and Albert. The youngest is two years old. She also leaves her father, five sisters and a brother. The funeral will be held from Notre Dame church Monday morning. Rev. Fr. Trigganue will officiate.

A Successful Social.

The social and dance given in the Renfrew's Caledonian club's hall was a complete success. The attendance was large and all enjoyed themselves. The first thing of the evening was supper and the spread was a bountiful one. Next was a concert in which songs were sung by G. F. Duggan, William Young, Charles Carlow and George Grant; Rev. A. B. Penniman and Chief George Kerr made remarks. A dance followed with music by Duggan's orchestra and F. D. Field prompter. The ladies who had charge may well feel proud of the event.

Rev. Mr. Darling Elected President.

At last Monday evening's meeting of the North Berkshire Ministerial association held at the Congregational church parlors in North Adams, Rev. O. I. Darling was chosen president to succeed Rev. A. B. Church of Akron, Ohio, formerly of North Adams. The subject of discussion at the meeting was "Co-operative Temperance Work." The next meeting will be held at the Baptist church in this town. Rev. O. I. Darling will read a paper on "A Trinity of Social Problems."

Annual Meeting Held.

The annual meeting of Branch No. 9, of the American Loomfixers association was held Friday evening. The following officers were elected: President, William Shepard; vice president, Charles F. Bates; financial secretary, William Russell; recording secretary, William Walpole; treasurer, William McClement; sergeant-at-arms, Abe Fielding.

Elected Officers.

The regular meeting of Golden Link Daughters of Rebecca lodge was held Friday evening. The following officers were elected: N. G. Annie Murray; V. G. Katherine Hodge; recording secretary, M. A. Arnold; financial secretary, Jennie Morton; treasurer, Nellie Morton; trustee, George Kerr. Installation will be held Friday evening, December 31.

His Ankle Bruised.

Ernest Culver, an employe of the Berkshire mill, met with a painful accident Thursday. In some way his right leg caught in an elevator and the ankle was badly bruised. Dr. Holmes was summoned and found that no bones were broken.

John Wietshauer of West Cummington visited friends here Friday.

An important meeting of the Robert Emmet society will be held Sunday. Thomas Garrity of Holyoke was the guest of James Keavin Friday afternoon.

Walter Hamilton of Groton, N. H., is the guest of friends in town.

Dr. Pascoe of Severy was in town Friday. J. B. Dean of Cheshire was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Jenks, of Center street, Friday.

L. A. Weston sent a large gang of his

men to work in Ware where he has a contract to put in a large number of automatic sprinklers in a cotton mill in that place.

Arthur Ainslie has taken a position as clerk in his uncle's store, T. L. Dow's on Park street, during the holidays.

There is but one letter advertised at the local postoffice this week. It is for James Veeners.

Lawyer William S. Morton has been out of town on business the past few days. Quite a number of the business men are giving out handsome calendars for 1898 as advertisements of their business.

Miss Katherine Walsh, principal of the East Renfrew school, left for her home in Chippewa Falls this afternoon.

The Renfrew Debating club held a dance in Odd Fellows hall Friday evening. The ideal orchestra furnished music and Robert Pow was prompter.

BANK CLEARINGS LARGE.

An Excess Over the Total of the Great Year of Prosperity.

New York, Dec. 18.—Bradstreet's reports a sensible quieting of demand in wholesale lines as the holiday season and the annual stock taking period approach. Chief among the favorable features of the week has been enlarged inquiry at higher prices for steel in various forms, accompanied by advances in the prices of sorts most affected. A correspondingly heavy business has developed in pig iron, and prices show but a slight shading in face of the current immediate production. The unsatisfactory outlook for cotton goods is reflected in reductions in blued goods to the lowest point ever reached, while some cotton goods and yarns show weakness. Anthracite coal is weak, although production has been curtailed, and talk of further restriction is heard. With these expectations, the price situation is one of quite exceptional steadiness.

At the east trade in wholesale lines is quiet, but retail trade has been stimulated sufficiently to allow of a fair order business in seasonable lines. The unsatisfactory position of the cotton goods trade may result in a general movement to reduce wages in New England mills. Against this the employees will propose a partial or general shut-down to reduce some portion of the weight of overproduction now resting on the market. Manufacturers of woolen cloths are running on small margins and look to a change to heavy weight goods to improve the situation. The trade situation west and northwest is one of unimpaired strength, although milder weather checks distribution of winter wear goods. Notable among favorable features is the improved inquiry at higher prices for several kinds of steel, especially billets, and wire and nails.

The approach of the holiday season has induced freer realizing on cotton by planters and others at the south, and increased activity is noticeable in retail lines and among jobbers in seasonable goods. Collections are slightly better in consequence, although the low price of the staple is a discouraging feature. Aside from price depression in its chief products, the southern business presents many encouraging features.

Bank clearing totals are again very large, aggregating \$1,369,000,000 at 87 cities of the United States, exceeding last week's large total by over 1 per cent and the total for this week last year by 26 per cent. Compared with this in 1895, there is a gain shown of 15.5 per cent, with 1894 of 34 per cent, and with 1893 of 43.6 per cent. The excess over the 1892 large total is fully equal to that over last week's total, and the gains as compared with 1891 and 1895 are respectively 10 and 22 per cent. Heavy gains at leading cities are a feature of the week. The increase at New York, as compared with 1895, is over 38 per cent, and the gain outside of that city is in excess of 10 per cent.

October gross and net railway earnings make the least favorable showing of any month since last summer. The total earnings of 76 systems for the month aggregate \$76,925,840, and the net earnings \$25,803,583, gains of respectively 6.7 and 7.2 per cent over the year ago.

In Congress. Washington, Dec. 18.—A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate by the submission by Mr. Platt of Connecticut of the report of the special joint committee of the senate and house appointed to investigate the use of alcohol in the acts. It developed that a wide divergence of opinion exists among senators as to the practicability, from the point of view of government revenue, of reducing the present tax upon alcohol used in the acts.

A joint resolution accepting the invitation of Norway to participate in an international fisheries exposition next year was passed.

The consideration of pension cases was then begun. One hundred and thirty-eight bills passed in one hour. One of them granted a pension of \$50 a month to Cassius M. Clay, Sr., of Kentucky, a major general in the United States army during the war of the rebellion.

Friday the house completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill excepting the paragraph relating to the civil service. By agreement, the debate on that paragraph will go over until after the holidays. Two amendments of some importance were adopted. The bill as reported abolished the assay office at Deadwood, S. D., and the mints at Carson City and New Orleans. The representatives from the two former states made a vigorous and successful fight to continue the appropriations for Deadwood and Carson City.

A Tour for the Christmas Holidays.

Personally conducted nine-day tour, visiting Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, Philadelphia and New York, will leave Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Five days are spent at the National Capital at the best hotels, and 27 covers every expense. Other tours in January, February, March, April and May. For itinerary, call on or address A. J. Simmons, N. A., 211 Washington street, Boston.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

I hereby certify that the following is a list of all candidates duly nominated and to be voted for in the City of North Adams, December 21, 1897, together with the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

CHAS. S. BROOKER, City Clerk.
Mayor, One Year. Vote for One.
H. Torrey Cady, 28 Church street, Republican Citizens Nom. Paper

Harry R. Hamer, Notch Road, Republican

Councilmen, Three Years. Vote for Five.

Lewis F. Amadon, Braytonville, Republican

Alexander T. Ford, 72 River street, Republican

Willard S. Gallup, 137 Eagle street, Democratic

Morris Gatslick, 9 Chestnut street, Democratic

William H. Gove, Blackinton, Republican

George A. Hastings, 55 Bracewell avenue, Republican

Patrick H. McMahon, 13 Center street, Democratic

Arthur A. Mignault, 21 Summer street, Republican

Owen Morris, 12 Houghton street, Democratic

Thomas A. Mort, 12 Beacon street, Republican

Allen A. Rivers, 31 Witt street, Republican Citizens Nom. Paper

Charles E. Whitney, 41 Union street, Democratic

Edward S. Wilkinson, 34 Church street, Republican

Councilman, Two Years, (to fill vacancy.) Vote for One.

James H. Flagg, 165 State street, Democratic

Alfred A. Lee, 149 Eagle street, Republican

Assessor, Three Years, Vote for One.

Marshall R. Ford, 62 Bracewell avenue, Republican, Democratic

Assessor, One Year, (to fill vacancy.) Vote for One.

John F. Bowes, 403 Liberty street, Democratic

William M. Burch, 10 Montana street, Republican

Trustee Public Library, Three Years, Vote for One.

Arthur Robinson, 70 Holden street, Republican, Democratic

School Committee, Three Years, Vote for Two.

James R. Chippendale, 162 East Main street, Republican, Democratic

William H. Pritchard, 13 Wall street, Republican, Democratic

School Committee, Two Years, (to fill vacancy.) Vote for One.

Oscar A. Archer, Blackinton, Republican, Democratic

To vote on the following question make a Cross at the right of YES or NO.

Shall Licenses be Granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this City? YES NO

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Discount cards will be issued to all good customers and on presentation of the same at the different stores, a discount will be allowed, ranging from 5 to 15 per cent on all cash purchases. The names of the merchants allowing such discount will be printed on the back of each card.

The following are the lines of trade represented: Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Housefurnishing Goods, Meats, Coal, etc.

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A REMARKABLE MEETING.

Seldom in the history of any city is there recorded such a meeting as took place in Odd Fellows' hall last evening when Mayor Houghton met his fellow citizens to discuss the work of his two years of administration of the city government. The occasion, the audience, and the speaker were alike exceptional. In the closing days of an heated and earnest city campaign as has, perhaps, ever been carried on in the commonwealth, there gathered an audience that packed the large hall to the doors, every man of which appeared to be an earnest and candid seeker after what was true and correct about our city affairs. It was a sober and thoughtful audience—such an one as does credit to American citizenship and strengthens faith in the principle of government by the suffrage of the people. It was a fair audience and a courteous one, creditable to itself and respectful to the speaker. It was made up of men of all classes,—of men who were stout adherents as well as the opponents of the administration,—and there was present, too, a large number who came open to conviction. It was such an audience as can only be gathered together when men are in earnest and are eager to learn the truth about the issues at stake.

The occasion was an exceptional one. The man who for two years has been largely responsible for the conduct of the city's affairs by virtue of the provisions of a charter which entered in him as mayor great power, and the adoption of which he strongly advocated and labored for, came before his fellow citizens to explain, as he knew them, the results of that charter's workings. The thought uppermost in the minds of the audience was whether or no the speaker would vindicate to their satisfaction the workings of the new city charter for which they knew him to be so largely responsible and responsibility for which he had so courageously taken. The central figure of the new charter, both in its inception and trial, was before a jury met to hear its cause.

The story of two years' work was told as a business man would tell it, occasionally heightened by the speaker's feeling, the detail of work done was reviewed at length, points of law and the charter explained, reasons for action, that has been severely criticised, given, and finally opportunity offered for any questions.

What was the verdict? The great audience listened to what might, ordinarily seem a dull recital of detail and fact with closest attention for an hour and a half. There was not a sign of tiring nor the slightest disturbance as the fair, impartial, dignified story of the administration's doings was told. "The eloquence of fact" held the audience. There was no sign or word of the partisan in the speech,—no reference to the alignment of political forces in the present city campaign. There was no reason for exception on the ground that the speaker was the advocate and plender of any candidate or party's cause. He was speaking as a public servant to those to whom he felt responsible, giving an account of his stewardship.

The verdict of the popular jury that assembled in Odd Fellows' hall last night was given in the rousing cheers and loud applause that greeted Mayor Houghton at the close of his unpretentious address. It was more eloquently given in the silence that followed the speaker's announcement that he was ready to answer any questions. While he stood waiting to meet any criticism, his hour of popular vindication, and of popular approval had come. The tongue of carping criticism and baseless accusation was dumb in the presence of this man of business, fortified with the simple facts and strong in the conviction that he had done his duty as a public servant and that the administration he represented was honest.

The audience that listened to Mayor Houghton last night was a credit to itself and to the city. Cady men and Hamer men alike have something to be proud of in the conduct of their friends there.

Mayor Houghton at Odd Fellows' hall last night met the largest audience possible to be assembled under roof in this city and set forth (he did not defend, for no defence was necessary) the doings of the city government during the past two years. The result was a vindication for his administration of the city's affairs. Before his plain and convincing statement of fact, the fabric of false accusation and tissue of misstatement of his doings, shriveled and disappeared. His maligners were dumb and impotent when he asked them to bring their questionings and charges to him for answer. The storm of abuse that has been against him and his co-laborers in the city government for two years died away when he had done speaking, and in its stead rose a wave of approval and cheers of encouragement. Seldom indeed does any public official have such genuine expression of "well done" as greeted Mr. Houghton at the close of his address to the people of North Adams last night. It was an hour of vindication and triumph. It was a time when honest men paid to duty done the homage of just recognition.

The mayor of this city left not so much as a crutch for his unjust critics to hobble on. He went over the whole ground of city administration, and then asked for the search light to be turned on. His audience was satisfied. They recognized his manliness and appreciated his effort to share with them all that he knew of the conduct of the city's affairs. The event was a vindication of the administration and of the man who stood at its head.

IT MEANS H. T. CADY.

Truth will triumph next Tuesday, and H. T. Cady will be elected mayor of this city. The storm of falsehood and misrepresentation that for a time has seemed to threaten this city has been beaten back. The forces that have been aligned in defaming this city and spreading fire-brands of dissimulation and unrest for their own selfish purposes, are already disorganized and in retreat. Under cover of falsification and personal abuse they are taking their last desperate way to defeat.

Last night at Odd Fellows' hall the error and misrepresentation of the Hamer crowd was pierced and now lies writhing. The light broke through the fog and mist and the people of this city are coming out into the clear daylight of reasonableness and truth before they cast their ballots.

The end of the new turn that the campaign has taken is certain victory for H. T. Cady. Opposed to all unfairness, himself a man of honor and honesty, hating misrepresentation and falsehood, the voters of this city will choose him to rebuke the men who have opposed and misrepresented the wise administration of this city during the past two years.

H. T. Cady will be the next mayor of this city because he is honest, because he is able, because he stands for the city's progress and because he represents the best there is in this city's citizenship.

He was every inch a mayor.

It was straight from the shoulder.

H. T. Cady stands for courage and ability.

Mayor Houghton used only argument and fact. Have his opponents done so?

Every man in this city is a stockholder in this municipal corporation.—A. C. Houghton.

There is no chance for argument left the Hamer people. But look out for abuse and nasty insinuation.

H. T. Cady will be elected. That fact is no longer in doubt. It is now merely a question of the size of his majority.

Was there any one thing said by Mayor Houghton last night that was not fair or dignified? Read his address and see.

The Hamer press—beaten, routed in argument, without a word of defence, it snarls and bawls along its way of defeat.

Harry Hamer is reported to have said to day that if he had only known that Mayor Houghton was willing to answer questions he would have been there "loaded for him." Lucky stars for Harry that he didn't know it.

The cowardly Hamer press dares not attempt to answer one charge brought against Mr. Hamer by THE TRANSCRIPT. Abuse, insinuation and false charges are their stock and store.

"Like an armed warrior, like a plumed knight," A. C. Houghton placed his shining lance in rest full and fair against the brazen forehead of the maligners of this city and the defamers of her honor.

Will Mr. Tinker in his next communication to the press point out more exactly the relation between the Republican party of Lincoln, Grant and Garfield, and the "straight" Republican party of John, Daniel, Ira and Elmer, with their snuffed caucuses, etc.?

Were not the three editors of the three Hamer organs in Odd Fellows' hall last evening—the sapient men who have filled their columns with questions and charges against A. C. Houghton? Didn't they have one question left for Mr. Houghton last night?

A clearer, more satisfactory exposition of the two years' administration of North Adams' affairs, than that given by Mayor Houghton last night, could not have been asked. Every point that the people have been interested in was taken up fully and frankly and explained in such manner that any citizen competent to vote could vote with intelligence either for or against the present plan of permanent improvements.

And Mr. Hamer has never asked anybody to help him. The good impression created by Mayor Houghton's address made a busy morning for the "reformers" who ride on the Hamer band wagon. The following named "reformers" drifted into the Evening Herald office during one short half hour this morning: Harry Hamer, E. K. Tinker, Arthur Tinker, John Parker, Eddie McCraw, Ira and Elmer were not seen but "there were others." Are the people of North Adams ready to turn the city government over to these men?

If you feel weak, dull, and discouraged you will find a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you wonderful good.

Mr. Tinker Wants It Known That He Is a Hamer Man and a Tinker.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—I was extremely gratified to read the announcement in last evening's TRANSCRIPT "that he (E. R. Tinker) has been telling men to vote straight for mayor."

Now you, the editor of a Republican paper, would not advise me to tell men, especially Republicans, to vote for the candidate of the Democratic party, as the files of THE TRANSCRIPT show in its report of the last Democratic convention held in this city.

I am thankful, and feel greatly honored that I have been a Republican from the start, and was a member of that grand convention held in Worcester, 1854, where the Republican party was organized, was elected a member of the Republican State Central Committee and served 18 consecutive years as a member. The Grand Old Party that elected the rail splitter of Illinois, president of these United States, whom this Democratic party called a clown, buffon and baboon, and then the tanner boy, the great commander, General Grant, who at Appomattox Court House crushed out the rebellion which this same Democratic party in national convention assembled in 1861, resolved the prosecution for the suppression of the war was a failure, and demanded an immediate cessation of hostilities to treat with armed rebels.

Then this grand old party elected the canal boy, Abram Garfield, president. Then this same G. O. P. nominated the printer boy, James G. Blaine, who was counted out by this same Democratic party. Therefore I consider it an especial honor, that I belong to the party of the lamented Lincoln, chivalrous Grant, the sainted Garfield, and the incomparable Blaine.

I take honest pride in your announcement that E. R. Tinker, "is telling men to vote straight for mayor," which means to stand by the Republican party, the party which not only saved this Union, paid its debts, but is the party of progress, order, civilization and humanity and that has made the freest nation on the globe. You gladden my heart, when you make such an announcement. Please continue them and oblige.

Yours respectfully,
EDWARD R. TINKER.

It Is Not Mercenary.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—At the Hamer meeting held in A. A. Lee's store on North Eagle street Thursday evening it was stated by one of the speakers that the Franco-American club was waiting for a few pennies before showing its position in the present mayoralty contest. The statement was not made by a person who has any knowledge of the club and it is entirely false as all citizens must know.

E. BISSELLON,
President Franco-American Club.

COTTON MILL WAGES.

Amoskeag Directors Imitate the Course of Fall River Manufacturers.

Boston, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the directors of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company of Manchester, N. H., it was voted to reduce the wages of its employees about 10 per cent on Jan. 1. The Amoskeag plant is one of the largest engaged in the manufacture of cotton in the country, and employs between 800 and 9000 people.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 18.—The announcement that the Amoskeag Manufacturing company would, on Jan. 1, institute a cutdown of about 10 per cent in its payroll, while not entirely unexpected, is received with general regret. The plant occupies 16 mills, and about 800,000 spindles and 10,000 looms are run. The weekly output of cloth is about 2,000,000 yards.

Agent Herman P. Straw says that while the Amory, Stark and Jefferson mills in this city are run by directors separate from that of the Amoskeag, he has little doubt but that they will also make a cut. "These mills are practically one and the same, the same stockholders controlling them all. He has no idea as to how long the reduction will continue. Mr. Straw says that the cut will effect everyone right through, officers included.

Others desire to join the movement.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 18.—The manufacturers in this city are not surprised that the Amoskeag Manufacturing company may be to take action similar to their own in regard to the cotton manufacturing industry. They feel that the outcome will be to bolster their arguments, and that other New England manufacturers will join in the movement, which is the result of a dull market and low prices for goods. The output of the Amoskeag company differs from that of the Fall River mills, and yet the entire cotton cloth industry in the New England states will, in the opinion of local manufacturers, feel the necessity of similar action, without regard to the class of goods being made. The operatives are naturally disappointed that the reduction is to be more general, and the result may prevent a strike in this city.

Can't Import Sealskins.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The bill relating to pelagic sealing which has just passed both branches of congress and is before the president contains a provision of far-reaching importance which has thus far escaped attention. This places an absolute prohibition on the future bringing of sealskins into the United States from any source whatever. As the United States is the largest market in the world for sealskins, this complete stoppage of the trade in this country will be a severe measure against the British and Canadian industries which take and cure the skins and then dispose of them largely in the United States.

When the bill was proposed it was generally supposed that its only purpose was to prohibit American citizens from carrying on pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one to attract attention during the discussions. At the close of the bill, however, is a section which is not restricted to Americans, but applies to sealskins in general "taken in the waters mentioned in this act," which includes the whole Pacific ocean. The provision is as follows:

Section 9.—That the importation into the United States by any person whatsoever of fur sealskins taken in the waters mentioned in this act, whether raw, dressed, dyed or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this act shall take effect shall not be permitted to be exported, but shall be seized and destroyed by the proper officers of the United States.

Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say this provision is of far more importance in its effect than the prohibition against pelagic sealing by Americans.

Actor Terriss—Widower.
London, Dec. 18.—Wednesday next was set as the day for the examination of Richard A. Prince, the assassin of Actor William Terriss. The prisoner is intelligent in appearance, his sallow skin, restless eyes and brow perpetually wrinkled, giving him an air of cunning. His posture and demeanor were most callous. He leaned on the rail in a tragic attitude and twirled his small, dark moustache diabolically at allusions which caused the audience to shudder. In fact, the prisoner even laughed at one remark of a witness.

The "Go" Was Hot.
Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Billy Walmesley of Passaic, N. J., and Peter Dorsa of New York fought a hot 15-round "go" before the Mohawk Athletic club last night. The referee gave the decision to Walmesley.

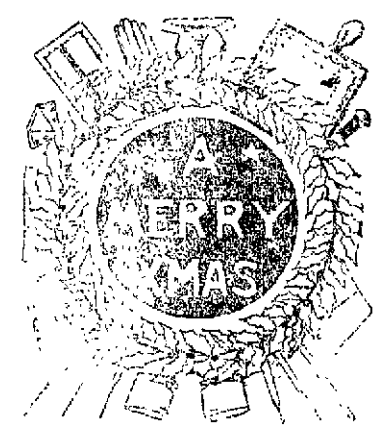
100 Doses in a Bottle

Is peculiar to and true only of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and is proof of its superior strength and economy. There is more curative power in a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla than in any other. This fact, with its unequalled record of cures, proves the best medicine for all blood diseases is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1.

Hood's Pills cure Liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

A Christmas Suggestion.
No more handsome or appropriate present for children on Christmas could be given than a set of Richter's Anchor Blocks. These blocks are made of stone in three natural colors and are of such a size and design that a great many different structures can be built of them. They furnish the children all the amusement of ordinary building blocks, and much more, and also possess much educational value. They are thus an immense improvement over the old fashioned wooden blocks. They teach the child deftness, accuracy, order, symmetry, sense of proportion, taste in the combination of colors and an elementary knowledge of architecture. The blocks come in such shapes that bridges, convents, Gothic and Greek churches, cottages of every style, pillars, monuments, etc., can be constructed. They are in sets of different sizes, ranging in price from 25 cents to \$3.50. They can be obtained from dealers generally or will be sent by the sole importers, F. A. Richter & Co., 215 Pearl street, New York, on receipt of price.



A trifle overstocked!

We propose a gift a money to every buyer of an overcoat until Christmas.

10 per cent will be deducted from every purchase of an overcoat, ulster, or reefer for men and boys.

Beginning Wednesday, December 15th, until Christmas \$2.50 given you off on \$25 overcoats, \$2 on a \$20 coat, \$1.50 on a \$15 coat, \$1.20 on a \$12 coat, \$1 on a \$10 coat, 80c on a \$3 coat, 50c on a \$5 coat. All elegant coats of the best makes. Dress yourself up and make your boy happy. Call and see our elegant display of Holiday Articles.

Barnard & Company, Blackinton Corner, North Adams, Mass.

\$1.98 \$1.69 \$1.48

Three Big Bargains IN FANCY ROCKERS.

Forty-five of Those \$1.98 Rockers

Sold in one dayshows how the people appreciate a good thing.

Burdett & Co.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY AT Santa Claus' Headquarters, Frear's Bazaar, Troy, - - New York.

Lorgnettes—In great assortment from \$1.47 to \$10.00.

Opera Glasses—In handsome variety at from \$1.25 to \$12.00.

Lorgnette Chains—In handsome variety at from 50c to \$5.00.

Ink Stands—In beautiful assortment, at 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c and 90c at Frear's Stationery Department.

Gold Dress Pins and Buttons—For children at 47c, \$1.00 and upward to \$29.00.

Fancy Watches—In beautiful variety. Silver watches from \$2.97 to \$9.00. Gold watches from \$6.97 to \$50.00. Enamel watches \$11.47.

Christmas Cards—Christmas booklets, Calendars, etc., in the newest and most exclusive styles, at lowest prices, at Frear's.

Stick Pins—From 75c upward at Frear's. Beautiful styles at dry goods prices.

Gold Collar Buttons—From \$1.00 to \$3.65 each.

Baby's Gold Bib Pins—in handsome variety at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.47 per pair.

Gold Brooches—In handsome variety from \$3.97 upward.

Lace Curtains—In Nottingham, Irish Point, Rambour, etc., etc. Prices begin at 75c and go all the way up the price scale. If you wish to see an elegant pair look to see our \$25.00 curtains.

Antique Bed Sets—And Nottingham bed sets in excellent variety at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Silk Cords—For Christmas fancy work at from 8c to 30c per yard at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Christmas Clocks—Dainty porcelain clocks \$1.00. Handsome porcelain clocks \$1.50. Beautiful porcelain clocks at \$1.75. Eight-day clocks, handsomely decorated porcelain cases, striking the half hour on cathedral gong, at \$3.50, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$9.00 and \$9.50. worth double the prices marked. Eight-day enameled iron case clocks. 1-2 hour strike on cathedral gong. at \$6.50, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$8.50 each. We are showing some very pretty gilt clocks at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5 each. Alarm clock, nickel or enamel cases, 75c each at Frear's.

Writing Sets—Consisting of blotter, paper cutter and stamp box, only 35c. Fancy box stationery 25c, 35c, 50c and upward at Frear's Stationery Department.

Pen Holders—Pearl handle pen holders, with pen, 25c. Porcelain pen holders, with pen, 25c, at Frear's Stationery Department.

Celluloid Novelties—All hand painted. Handkerchiefs boxes 27c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, 75c and \$1.50. Glove boxes 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Jewel boxes, 25c and 50c. Stamp boxes 25c. Rose Bowls 50c. Trinet Baskets 25c and 50c. Photographa Holders \$1.00 and upward at Frear's Stationery Department.

UNDERTAKERS.
Simmons & Carpenter.
 Funeral Undertakers. No. 20 1/2 East street,
 North Adams, Mass.

CARRIAGES.
Edmund Vadenius.
 Carriage and Wagon Builder. Manufacturer
 of light carriages, sleighs, and business and
 heavy wagons. Orders made to order at short
 notice. All work warranted as represented. Re-
 pairing in all its branches at reasonable terms.
 Dealer in all kinds of factory wagons and car-
 riages, harnesses, robes, and blankets. Center
 street, rear of Washington block.

LIVERIES.
Ford & Arnold.
 Livery and Feed Stables. Single and double
 teams. Coaches for funerals and weddings. Fear
 or horse teams for large or small parties. 72
 Main st. Telephone 5241.

J. H. Flagg.
 Livery, Sale and Boarding Stable. Main street,
 opposite the Wilson House, North Adams. Nice
 coaches for weddings, parties and funerals. First
 class single horse and carriage at short notice
 on reasonable terms. Also will give coach to and
 from all trains. Telephone connection.

J. Coon.
 City Cab Service. J. Coon will run a first-
 class cab to all parts of the city from 1 p. m. to 1
 a. m. Telephone 129-2.

MONUMENTAL WORKS.
Meane & Walsh.
 Dealers in and cutters of Native and Foreign
 Granite and Marble. No. 15 Eagle street, North
 Adams.

Professional Cards.

VETERINARIANS.
Dr. George E. Harder, V. S.
 Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist. Office, Ford
 & Arnold's stable. Telephone 225. Office hours
 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. and 8 to 10 p. m.

PHYSICIANS.
C. W. Wright, M. D.
 Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. New Bank Block.
 Attending Eye and Ear Surgeon at
 hospital. Formerly clinical assistant at Central
 London Eye Hospital, also Assistant Surgeon at
 New York Throat and Nose Hospital. Glasses
 properly fitted.

R. D. Canedy, M. D.
 Physician and Surgeon. Office hours 11 to 1 p. m.
 and 7 to 9 p. m. Office 23 Summer
 street. Telephone and night calls at resi-
 dence. Telephone 57-2.

A. Mignault, M. D.
 Physician and Surgeon. Office 23 Summer
 street. Office hours 1 to 3 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m.
 Telephone 2-5-4.

C. C. Henin, M.D.
 Physician and Surgeon. Office and residence
 Post-Office Block, Main street. Specialist in the
 diseases of children and women. Office hours: 9
 to 11 a. m., 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p. m.

DENTISTS.
John J. F. McLaughlin, D. D. S.
 Dental Parlor, 601 Main street, North Adams.
 Dental and bridge work a specialty. Teeth
 extracted without pain. Office hours 9:30 to 12 a. m., 2 to
 1 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m.

A. Shorrock, D. D. S.
 Dental parlor, Kimball block, North Adams.
 Office hours 8:30 to 12 a. m., 1 to 6, and 7 to 9
 p. m. Crown and bridge work a specialty. Teeth
 extracted without pain. 1001

ATTORNEYS.
W. B. Arnold.
 Attorney and Counselor-at-law. Office, Rooms
 401 Main block, Main st., North Adams.

John E. Magnien.
 Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office Kim
 ball block, Main street, North Adams.

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 Mack, associate attorney in North Adams. Office
 71 Main st.

Sam H. Thatcher.
 Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office Rooms 3,
 Kimball Block, North Adams, Mass.

John H. Mack.
 Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office in the
 North Adams Savings Bank building, 77 Main st.

**The Berkshire National Bank of North
 Adams.**
 The annual meeting of the stockholders
 of the Berkshire National Bank will be
 held at the banking house in North Adams
 on
 Tuesday, the 11th Day of January
 next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the follow-
 ing purposes, to-wit:
 First, to choose directors for the ensu-
 ing year.
 Second, to transact any other business
 that may legally come before the meeting.
 W. W. Burtch, Cashier.
 North Adams, Mass., Dec. 6, 1906.

GIVEN FREE

A beautiful basket and bottle
 of perfume with every purchase
 amounting to one dollar, commencing
 Saturday and continuing during
 Christmas week.

HASTINGS' DRUG STORE.

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

**Advertisement for Proposals for Print-
 ing the Annual Report.**

December 15, 1907.
 We hereby invite proposals for the
 printing and the furnishing of all material
 therefor or the Annual Reports of the
 Officers of the City of North Adams for
 the year ending December 1, 1907, bound
 and complete according to the specifica-
 tions to be had upon application to Val-
 more A. Whitaker, chairman of the com-
 mittee on printing. Such proposals must
 be in writing and delivered to the com-
 mittee in sealed envelopes accompanied
 with a suitable bond or certificate of de-
 posit for the faithful performance of such
 proposals. Such proposals will be opened
 at the mayor's office, City Hall, at 4 o'clock
 p. m. on Monday, December 20, 1907.
 The committee reserve the right to re-
 ject any or all proposals in accordance
 with section 52 of the city charter. Said
 section is hereby referred to and made a
 part of this advertisement.

V. A. WHITAKER,
 ALEX. CLARK,
 HENRY CHASEWELL,
 Committee on Printing.

DROPPED A BOMBSHELL

**Incident of the Fish War Between
 Boston and Gloucester.**

**Order For Confiscation of the
 Oliver Wendell Holmes.**

Complainant and Officer Outwitted by the
 Shrewd Captain.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 18.—Another
 and highly important step in the frozen
 herring controversy was attempted Fri-
 day afternoon, but the principal mover
 in the matter was obliged to return to
 Boston decidedly discomfited and un-
 able to succeed in his mission.

L. A. Dodge, representing the Boston
 fish bureau, together with Special Treas-
 ury Agent P. W. Hentz and Captain
 Higgins, arrived in this city with the evi-
 dent purpose of causing the seizure of
 the fishing schooner Oliver Wendell
 Holmes. They were outwitted, however,
 and now the schooner is on the high seas
 bound for Newfoundland for a second
 cargo of herring.

The three men called upon Collector
 Richardson at the custom house and
 filed with him a voluminous document
 in brief alleging the violation of the
 United States navigation laws, the pres-
 ent tariff laws, the evasion of the cus-
 toms laws and also violation of the fish-
 ing laws by the owner, W. H. Jordan,
 and the captain and crew of the Holmes,
 and demanding the detention of those
 men and calling for the seizure and con-
 fiscation of the vessel, outfit and cargo.

This proved a bombshell, and as soon
 as the fact became known in this city
 it caused intense excitement. Collector
 Richardson sent for Mr. Jordan and the
 crew to come to the custom house, but no
 one responded. Becoming impatient,
 Mr. Dodge and his companions secured
 a carriage and drove to Mr. Jordan's
 office, also to the office of John J. Flah-
 erty, his counsel. Both gentlemen de-
 clined to discuss matters with them, and
 Mr. Dodge was exceedingly wrath. His
 next move was in the direction of the
 vessel, and a grand chase was the re-
 sult. From wharf to wharf they were
 driven by what they claim was false in-
 formation.

During all this time the captain of the
 Holmes, who had received information of
 the arrival of the Boston party, was
 collecting his crew, and when at last Mr.
 Dodge and his companions had the privi-
 lege of sighting the Holmes, she was in
 tow of a tug off Eastern point and bound
 for Newfoundland.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.
 Corrected Nov. 15, 1897.
 Trains leave North Adams going East—11:37,
 12:18, 7:55, 9:55, a. m., 12:40, 4:31, 5:55,
 7:00 p. m.
 Going West—7:50, 10:00, a. m., 12:30, 1:24,
 5:00, 6:05, 11:55, 12:30, 7:40 p. m.
 Train Arrive From East—10:05, a. m., 12:10, 1:24,
 4:00, 12:30, 11:45, 12:30 p. m.
 From West—11:37, 15:15, 7:50, 9:55 a. m., 12:40
 12:55, 4:31, 5:00, 5:55, 7:00 p. m.
 Run Daily, except Monday.
 Run Daily, Sunday included.
 Sunday only.

New York Central R. R.
 HARLEM DIVISION.
 Leave North Adams via R. & A. R. R. for New
 York City 6:30 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City 11:53 a. m.
 Leave North Adams 9:35 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City
 4:28 p. m.; leave North Adams 3:00 p. m.; arrive
 N. Y. City 8:42 p. m. Sunday train leaves North
 Adams 1:50 p. m.; arrive N. Y. City 8:30 p. m.
 For Watkissfield and North Adams special trains
 leave N. Y. City at 9:00 a. m. and 3:35 p. m.,
 only except Sundays, arriving in North Adams
 at 5:50 p. m. and 8:50 p. m. Sunday train
 leaves N. Y. City at 9:15 a. m.; arrives North
 Adams 4:20 p. m. F. J. Wolke, General Agent,
 Albany, N. Y.

Boston & Maine Railroad.
 AT GREENFIELD.
 For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6:20
 7:40, 10:45, 11:55 a. m., 1:00, 3:02, 4:10, 5:30 p. m.
 Sundays 6:20, 8:40 a. m. For Deerfield, Watkiss-
 field and Holyoke, 7:30, 11:55 a. m., 1:00, 4:10 p. m.
 Sundays 8:40 a. m.
 For South Vernon Junction, 8:32, 10:22 a. m.,
 1:22, 3:30, 4:55, 5:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50 a. m.,
 5:15 p. m.
 For Watkissfield, Bellows Falls, and Windsor,
 10:22 a. m., 1:22, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50
 a. m., 9:15 p. m.
 For Watkissfield, White River Junction
 and Lyndonville, 10:22 a. m., 1:22, 9:15 p. m. For
 Newport and Shelburne, 10:22 a. m., 9:15 p. m.

Stages
NORTH ADAMS AND READSBORO.
 J. E. FAULKNER, Proprietor.
 Leave Post Office, North Adams 1:30 p. m.
 Leave Post Office, Readsboro, 8 a. m.

**Finest and Most Up-to-date
 Printing at The TRANSCRIPT Office**
 at prices paid elsewhere for poorer
 work.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The public schools closed Friday for
 the holiday vacation of two weeks.
 —Onceo lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold its
 annual election Tuesday evening, Decem-
 ber 25.
 —There will be an entertainment and
 sale at the Baptist church Monday by the
 sEArther Lights society.
 —The officers elected Wednesday even-
 ing by Mountain lodge, A. O. U. W., will
 be publicly installed on the evening of
 January 10, when a "ladies' night" will be
 held.
 —The Odd Fellows and Knights of
 Pythias have formed basket ball teams
 and will begin practice in Odd Fellows'
 hall next Wednesday evening. It is prob-
 able that several clubs will be organized
 in the city, and after sufficient practice
 has been had public match games will be
 played. The game is very popular in
 other places and will probably prove so
 here.
 —Charles F. Warner's property at Mil-
 ler's Falls burned to the ground at 11 p.
 m., Thursday night, house, barn and con-
 tents. Very little was saved and he barely
 escaped. Mr. Warner lived in this city
 till last spring when he bought the farm
 mentioned. When here he was foreman
 at W. G. Cady & Co.'s Holden street shop.
 It must have been gratifying to Mayor
 Houghton to have looked out upon that
 vast audience of his neighbors and re-
 ceived their warm and enthusiastic greet-
 ings. North Adams is richly favored in
 having in its midst a man of power and
 means so vitally interested in the city's
 welfare and so generous in advancing it.
 This city is, by reason of such possession,
 the envy of every town in the Common-
 wealth. The audience last night by its
 warmth of welcome testified to the fact
 that here, outside of a small minority of
 carping critics and jealous and selfish op-
 position, is the rule that "a prophet is not
 without honor save in his own country",
 reversed.

Clark Captured.

Samuel R. Clark, the lad whom Devo-
 van and Hutchinson accused of commit-
 ting the robbery at Penniman & Co.'s
 store, was in court this morning. He was
 captured by Captain Parrow Friday after-
 noon after a hard chase. The lad was
 near Frederick street when he espied the
 officer and ran like a deer. The captain
 followed and although he fell down a
 steep bank and injured his ankle, he
 threw off his heavy outer and undercoats
 and after a long run caught the boy. The
 officer is entitled to a deal of praise for
 his efforts as Clark was wanted badly.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The phonograph concert given Friday
 evening by Assistant Secretary Cooke
 was greatly enjoyed by the boys.
 The Bicycle club will hold a meeting
 Monday evening.
 The educational classes have been dis-
 continued until after the holidays.
 The entertainment this evening, the
 program of which appeared in Friday's
 TRANSCRIPT, will be a very pleasant one,
 and will probably be largely attended.

Main and Marshall streets are open
 and all roads now lead to M. Cavanaugh's,
 7 Main street, where you can find the
 largest stock of groceries in the city. 3t

Town Talk.
 Parties who have driving horses which
 they want to put out for the winter will
 find comfortable quarters at low rates at
 the Idlewild. Telephone or write Henry C.
 Savage.
 Best coal, fresh supplies received every
 day. Orders promptly filled. Call, write
 or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and
 wood office.
 Just the thing for an Xmas present the
 Orient bicycle. Best wheel on earth.
 Hodge of Bicycle heavy sole agent. Easy
 terms. 22 Summer st.
 Calnan's "Hudson Club" elgar, 5c.
 We have a fine supply of sorted hard
 wood, both saved and split. Call, write
 or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and
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That Tired Feeling.
 For a cure see our ad in the Sunday
 Democrat tomorrow. DARBYS' Hard-
 ware Store.
 *You will need no medicine if you will
 follow our advice given in the Sunday
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 Store.

Madame Eugel
 The most wonderful palmist, can be con-
 sulted at 84 Holden street from Thursday,
 December 16 to 25, Christmas. Your
 future told, past, present and future.
 Open from 10 a. m. till 9 p. m. daily. Fee
 for ladies or gentlemen, 50 cents.

GUILMANT WILL COME.

**The Greatest Organist in the World to
 be Heard Here.**

A movement has been started to bring
 to this city for a public recital Alexander
 Guilmant of Paris, France, the greatest
 organist in the world. Mr. Guilmant is
 now giving recitals in this country. He
 was recently in Holyoke, where he was
 heard by all the church organists of this
 city, who went to Holyoke in a body for
 that purpose. Of Mr. Guilmant's work it
 is not necessary here to speak further
 than to say that his rank as the greatest
 living organist is unquestioned.

The cost of bringing this great artist to
 North Adams will be \$300, and Prof. E. A.
 Tower started out this morning to raise
 a guaranty fund. There will be not less
 than 30 guarantees, and probably more,
 as names are being procured with the
 greatest care. Fifteen signatures were re-
 ceived before 10 o'clock today, and there
 is no doubt that many more persons will
 be glad to add theirs to the list. There
 is consequently no doubt that the great
 organist will be heard here on the evening
 of January 14, the date set for his com-
 ing.

The recital will be given at the Metho-
 dist church and will be the greatest event
 of its kind in the history of Berkshire
 county.

District Court.

The following cases were in court this
 morning:
 John Daly, assault and battery and dis-
 turbing the peace, continued until Mon-
 day.
 Samuel R. Clark, breaking and entering
 continued until December 23.
 Erving Barden, drunk, ordered to leave
 the city.
 Josephine Rogers, drunk, filed away.
 Flora Dodd, neglected child, continued
 until next Friday.
 Frank McQuaghey, boy tramp, placed in
 care of State Agent Morton.
 Fred R. Jeffers, civil suit against the
 Glenwood Mills company, non-suited.
 Lawyer Magnus appeared for the defend-
 ant.

His Hand Hurt.

William Curley, an employee of the
 Windsor Print works, met with an acci-
 dent while at work Friday. He was
 working at his machine when his hand
 caught and the fingers of his right hand
 were badly bruised. Dr. Dowey attended

BOSTON STORE.

W. J. Taylor.

Come and See

"Noah's Ark"

Grand Display of

Christmas

Holiday Goods

Store open every evening, Xmas week.

TILTON'S

"The Gift Store."

Books, Fancy Goods, China, Bric-a-Brac, Toys.

"WHAT SHALL THE PRESENT BE?"

Don't ponder long; pay a visit to this store. See all the
 pretty and useful things that surround you every-
 where—and you can't go wrong. There's
 something for everyone, if it's
 only a Christmas Card.

Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books and
 Hymnals in great variety, 30c to \$7.50
 Pocket Books, Card Cases, Bill Books for
 lady or gentleman.
 One Special Bargain—Genuine Seal Lady's
 Pocket Book and Card Case, finest
 calf lined, new shape 85c.
 Fine Leather Goods—stock complete—
 Traveling Sets, Writing Tablets, &c.

Fine China and Bric-a-Brac, Vases, Bisque
 Figures, Cups and Saucers, Bronze
 Ornaments.
 A lot of Cut Glass samples, 10c to 95c each
 actually worth double.
 Fancy Goods, Celluloid Boxes, Cases and
 Sets in great variety, from 50c to \$7.50.
 Pictures, Medallions, Frames. Our assort-
 ment is yet quite complete.

Gifts for gentlemen

Shaving dressers, mirrors, cups,
 brushes, razors and strops, collar and cuff boxes, cigar
 boxes, cigar and cigarette jars and cases, pipes, suspenders, garters,
 pocket scissors, knives, cigar cutters, military brushes with all the other
 toiletware and manicure articles to match. Pocket books, bill books,
 card cases, jewel boxes, 14 carat solid gold scarf pins and link buttons,
 dress studs, rings, "Dickens" and regular vest chains, charms, lockets. at

Dickinson's, The Art Jeweler.

Among the Churches.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
 The pulpit Sunday morning will be
 filled by C. J. Rider, D. D., of New York
 city. He is a brother-in-law of the pastor
 and secretary of the American Missionary
 society. In the evening the pastor will
 deliver an illustrated lecture on the Holy
 Family in art. About 60 pictures will be
 shown.

METHODIST CHURCH.
 Rev. Francis Brown will occupy the
 pulpit Sunday. The pastor will be in
 charge of his former pastorate at Canajo-
 harie, N. Y.

SALVATION ARMY.
 Ensign Reid and wife will conduct a
 meeting in the Congregational church at
 Williamstown Monday night, December
 20. Doors open at 7:15, meeting begins at
 7:45 p. m. The soldiers of North Adams
 will assist.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
 The pastor's Sunday morning subject
 will be "Jabez, or Faith vs. Fate." In
 the evening he will preach on "The
 Birthright Despoiled."
 The semi-annual meeting and election
 of officers of the B. Y. P. U. will be held
 Tuesday evening.
 Monday evening the postponed enter-
 tainment and sale of the Father Lights
 society will be held.
 The primary department of the Sunday
 school will hold an entertainment Friday
 afternoon when a Christmas tree will be
 had.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
 Regular services will be held Sunday
 morning and evening.
 An entertainment with a supper and
 Christmas tree will be had at the church
 parlors next Friday evening.
 V. M. G. A.
 The song service at 8:45 o'clock will be
 led by John Taylor.
 The men's meeting at 4 o'clock will be
 led by Samuel Woodhead, who will speak
 on the subject "Will the Old Excuse
 Stand?"
 The boys' meeting will be led by Sec-
 retary Lovejoy.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
 Sunday Services—7:30 a. m., Holy com-
 munion; 10:00, Sunday school; 11:00, morn-
 ing prayer and sermon; 7:00 p. m., evening
 prayer and sermon. Services on Christ-
 mas day—7:00 a. m., Holy communion;
 10:30, sermon and Holy communion.
 Extensive preparations are being made
 for decorating the church, and the music
 by the vested choir promises to be excep-
 tionally good.

Great Cut Price Sale

of HOLIDAY GOODS

Every article now marked down. We have put
 cut prices on Sterling Silver, Boxes, Books,
 Crockery and Dolls. Every article must go at
 one price or another. 200 Sterling Silver nov-
 elties at 9c. Just think of it! 250 Sterling
 Silver Thimbles at 9c tonight, others get 25c for
 them. Remember every rug in stock marked at
 special prices for 7 days. Buy of the leaders.

TUTTLE & BRYANT.

Common Sense and Fashion

Go hand in hand in Shoes this season. Broad
 toes and soles are all the go. We have a Ladies'
 Heavy Dongola Shoe, lace and button, with kid and
 patent tips and heavy extension sole—just the thing
 for weather like this—\$2, \$2.50 and \$3 a pair.
 Goodyear "Glove" and Boston Rubbers.

Murdock's Shoe Store, 7 Eagle St.

Does Your Boy

Enjoy using tools?
 We have a fine line to select from, and
 they make a useful Christmas present

Pocket Knives, Table Carvers, Razors,

Sleds, Skates, Jumpers.

Manicure and Embroidery Scissors.

At bottom prices, at

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Here's an Opportunity!

Ashland Street Lot,

52 feet on the street, 93 feet on the Boston
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 Every description of Insurance.

Up-to-Date

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Important Card to the Ladies of North Adams!

We have \$10,000 worth of useful Christmas Gifts marked far below cost.
Don't buy without calling on us.

Plaid Waists, lined all through, \$1.98
Mackintoshes, silk lined, \$6.00
Ladies' Capes, at half price.
Silk-lined Ladies' Jackets \$8.50 & \$10.00
Were \$13.00 to \$20.00.
Martin Boas, \$5.00
Thibet Boas, \$4.00
98c, \$1.25, \$1.50
Corduroy Waists, all colors, \$3.50
Mackintoshes, double texture, with check linings, double detachable capes and velvet collar, colors blue and black, \$2.50

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29 EAGLE STREET, NORTH ADAMS.

COLUMBIA OPERA HOUSE.
One Week
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.
The Miles Ideal
Stock Co.
Including the young, romantic actor
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in select repertoire of New York successes and a host of popular specialties in continuous performance by Eva Williams, Jack Tucker, Baby Yvonne, P. W. Rennie, W. F. Jones, and Major E. A. Mills, in his wonderful, funny
Baton and Rifle Drill
Opening Monday in the great Russian military play
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Repertoire for the Week.
Tuesday night, Unknown. Wednesday night, Fair Rebel. Thursday night, New Mexico. Friday night, Damon and Pythias. Saturday night, Life Guard. MATINEES—Tuesday, Life Guard. Wednesday, Blacksmith's Daughter. Thursday, The Circus Girl. Friday, All a Mistake. Saturday, Unknown.
Matinee—10c to all.
Evening—10, 20, 30c.
Watch for Damon and Pythias in honor of the Knights of North Adams.

NOTICE.
Having other business to attend to January 1st, we will close out all
Millinery Goods
at less than cost. A few bargains in trimmed hats for misses and children, very pretty, \$1.50 and \$1.75 each.
M. F. & J. L. BEST,
2 New Blackinton Block.

Wetmore
...Jeweler
The Girl
Wants a Ring!
Give her her wish for a Christmas present. We have a variety to show you and are willing to make a price that will do the business.
Clock and watch repairing guaranteed well done.
29 1-2 Eagle Street.

SEND YOUR OLD
Wringers
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Furniture
to 18 Summer street to be repaired.
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ONE-HALF CENT A WORD A DAY.
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THREE DAYS FOR 25 CENTS. NO
CHARGE LESS THAN 10 CENTS.
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2 desirable 6-room tenements on Venable street. Rent \$9 and \$11. Also 18-room modern tenement, steam heated, on Pleasant st.; 420. Inquire M. H. Dowlin, 11 Pleasant st. \$100-50x
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House suitable for two families, three acres of land and barnery. Apply to Venable street. \$150-1
A tenement. Inquire office of P. J. Ashe. \$125 1/2
A 6-room tenement, Luther st. \$14 per month. 15-room tenement, Potter pl. \$22 per month. 16-room tenement, Lincoln st. \$15 per month. Inquire at Beer & Dowlin's law office, Marshall block. \$125 1/2
A cottage, 7 rooms, 35 East Quincy st. Mrs. Emma Billings. \$125 1/2
A 6-room tenement, 50 Liberty st. \$125 1/2
A tenement at 12 East Quincy st. 7 rooms all heated. All modern improvements. Inquire S. J. Ellis. \$125 1/2
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Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, with furnace heat, not cold water, privilege of bath on same floor, suitable for light housekeeping, or for lodgings. Inquire at this office. \$125 1/2
Rooms furnished or unfurnished. Bath connected and all modern conveniences. Inquire at this office. \$125 1/2
Furnished rooms for gentlemen, with privilege of bath, gas, and telephone. 13 Center st. Second floor. \$130 1/2
WANTED
A position by a middle-aged man as boiler-tender or night watchman. Good references. Apply to Ad Transcript. W 169 61x
At once, 2 men of good personal appearance as outside salesman. See Mr. Wright, at 10 Brooklyn st. W 68-71x
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Situation for first-class family cook, also first-class second girl. Apply "General Housework," North Adams Employment Bureau, Room 7, Kimball block, Main street. 175 1/2
FOR SALE.
S. C. W. Leckert, Jr. Minorca Cockerels, prize winners. \$1.50 and \$2. George Grant, 126 North Summer st., Adams. 117 1/2
LOST
A bitch hound, black and white spots on body, tan on head and ears. Reward of \$2 for its return. 48 Prospect st. and 66 Eagle st. 124-125

CANNED
...GOODS
New Goods in all lines. Vegetables, meats, fruits, fish, etc. Our goods are all of the best brands and you will find them the cheapest if you intend to eat them yourself. Let us quote you prices by the dozen. Can secure in great variety, quantities and
Remember
we are prepared to meet your Christmas wants. Prices right.
H. A. Sherman,
101 MAIN ST.

THE TRUTH TOLD.

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business judgment to go on. We got all these things without increasing our tax rate one mill over and above what it had been under the town form of government. Now gentlemen, I don't want to be misunderstood by any persons who live outside of the fire district. This would not apply to them as they had no fire district tax to pay under the town. To those in the fire district paying taxes as they have been paying for the last ten years, we demonstrated that we could carry on all these plans without increasing, one mill, their tax rate over what it had been under the town government. Those outside the old fire district limits are now paying an increased tax because the whole city has assumed the old fire district debt.

Hunting For the Best.
The question of taking up the public improvements under this act was commenced. The first thing to be done was to enter upon an investigation. The commissioner of public works, Mr. Hunter, and the city engineer, Mr. Emigh, made a most thorough investigation in many cities to ascertain the best kind of pavements. They wrote many parties that had undertaken public works, consulted the engineers of many cities and made the most thorough investigation they could in general. An immense amount of work of this kind was done. I, myself, carried on a system of investigation and when we came to compare notes we were all of one mind. We decided that North Adams was not a proper place to use asphalt paving, that the best paving for this place seemed to be vitrified brick and granite blocks.

Deciding for the Streets.
After going over these things as thoroughly as we could, we decided that we would use vitrified brick on Main street, and that we would take some other street and use granite blocks on it, where the teaming was heaviest. We went into the thing as thoroughly as we could to see if we could not devise some plan of operation. The idea was to pave Main street to Eagle street with vitrified brick, to pave Eagle street by using granite blocks and to use granite blocks up Union street to the Windsor Print works. We also thought that on Bank street to the depot it was best to use vitrified brick. Granite block was planned for Holden street and vitrified brick for Summer street.

The Abutters Considered.
Now there is one feature in this bill that I desire to speak of which seems to be arbitrary and that is this: It did not provide for the abutters having anything to say about the improvements in connection with the city council. This did not seem just as they paid one-half of the expenses.

We decided not to do any paving until the abutters on a street on which paving was proposed to be done, had first petitioned the council, naming the material they preferred and had signed a waiver of all damages that might arise.

Preparing for Work.
We went into things very thoroughly. There was a great deal of engineering to do and a great deal estimating. We found that certain water pipes in our streets must be removed. It was found necessary to replace some of the pipes in Main street. The gas company I think, asked the privilege of changing some pipes in a few places. Finally the abutters on Main street all with the exception of the heirs of the Broiley estate, which I did not think it expedient to go to the necessary delay in getting, signed the petition for the paving of Main street with vitrified brick from State street up to Church and from State street to Phoenix bridge.

Print Works Not Favored.
The message for vitrified brick went to the council and was granted. When we came to get the abutters on Eagle street to sign off, there were four abutters who would not do so, so we thought it best not to go ahead with the work on that street. We took up Church street but found a good many abutters there objecting so we decided not to undertake the work there at present.

Selecting the Street.
In selecting a street to pave with granite we found that there was no other street available except Marshall street. If there had been any other street that we could have selected we would not have put the granite on Marshall street. I so stated to the city engineer as I did not wish anyone to feel that the Arnold Print works were in any way to be favored. The petition to the council to have Marshall street paved, signed by every abutter, and all damages having been waived we advertised for bids and got some eight or twelve of them including only one from North Adams. That was Mr. George Owens and it was inadmissible because it was unaccompanied with a check and it had to be thrown out.

For North Adams Labor.
In addition it was not as low as that of the bidder we accepted, and who did the work. There was no one in the city sufficiently acquainted with the business to make a proper bid or to do the work. Our desire was to have North Adams people do the work if it could be done by them. We could not find anybody who could do it and the contract was therefore awarded to the Syracuse people. They gave a bond to properly construct the road according to the specifications and maintain it for five years. Now, fellow citizens, if we were to have vitrified brick or other pavement, we wanted it done properly so that it would last. The contract was given to the Syracuse people because they had the material, knew how to lay it and made their bid in proper form.

Have Done the Best.
You know how the work has been done and we feel that it has been done satisfactorily. We hope and believe that it will prove satisfactory. We have done everything in our power, we have worked constantly and faithfully up to this minute, we have tried to do the best thing for the people of the city and we hope and believe that we have done it.

Contract Labor Not Favored.
Now gentlemen in regard to the question of contract labor and the manner in which the work on these streets was let, I must say that I am not in favor of contract labor. It necessitates low bids cheapens the price of labor and gives work to others than North Adams people. We have borrowed \$45,000 under the public improvement act and it stands against the city as a debt in the following amounts: Against the abutters \$20,000 or rather

against the real estate adjoining each street improved, \$3,600 against the street railway and the balance against the general taxable property of the city.

Normal School District.
In regard to the public improvements on Church street, when the state board of education located the state normal school on that street, they were very anxious that some public improvements should be made there in order to beautify that part of the city and improve the approaches to the normal school grounds. The first board of public works, Mr. Cady, Mr. Chase and Mr. Hunter, and myself with several representative citizens, met them and they made the proposition that we take such land of the state as we wished for the purpose of improvements. They said we have located this institution in your midst and its surroundings should be put in better condition. Their proposition was perfectly fair and we agreed to it. We spent considerable time in arranging matters with the property owners in that vicinity to arrange for undertaking this public improvement. We arranged as well as we could with the abutters and we have put in some bank walls and have got the work in shape to be completed next spring. When this work is completed it will probably be done with vitrified brick. The next mayor will have the opportunity to decide about this.

It Will Be Copied.
Now, gentlemen, there is that much about the public improvement. Out of the \$100,000 that can be borrowed under this act there will be left from \$55,000 to \$60,000 that can be used where a vote of two-thirds of the council signed by the mayor decides to lay it out. In my opinion this public improvement act is one of the best achievements that this city has made, and I believe it will be copied as our charter has been copied by nearly every city in the Commonwealth.

Debt for Schools.
We have made quite a debt in building our school houses, we have borrowed the money and it is my pleasant duty to tell you why. When the city government was established the schools could not accommodate all the students ready to attend, except in half day sessions. One half would go in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. You are well aware that according to the laws of this Commonwealth we must provide school accommodations for the children of the city and if we do not do so the city is liable to indictment. We had to do this work whether we borrowed the money or not.

Duty to the Children.
We, therefore, purchased about seven acres of land at Braytonville and about the same amount on Johnson street and built school houses thereon. They cost about \$50,000 apiece and they have the best sanitary arrangements and the best systems of light and ventilation known to modern science. If we have spent too much money or provided too good accommodations for the children I would like to know it, but if we have not done so, then we have done our full duty just as we tried to do. These school houses are now occupied. In addition, we have built a school house up in the Union where there are now seventy-five scholars waiting to enter besides those who will go from the overcrowded old Union school.

The State's Agreement.
Besides the Union we have built an addition to the Church street school house, the Mark Hopkins school. You will remember that when the normal school was located here that we agreed with the state board to establish a training school and the agreement was made in writing so that this city was bound to the state and we had to fulfill our agreement. Besides this we have built a gymnasium there. That is nearly complete and the cost is nearly \$50,000 more. So on these four schools about \$200,000 have been laid out.

Making Appropriations.
Now how are our appropriations made. The charter provides that a board of estimate consisting of the mayor, the president of the city council and chairman of the board of assessors meet and after receiving the reports from the various departments they make up the appropriation of money that will be needed. But we have not confined ourselves to just this board. We have invited gentlemen from the various departments and from the city council, as many as the table down at the city hall would seat, about twenty and have consulted with them before sending our estimates to the council. The council can cut down the estimates of the executive but it can not add to them, not even a cent.

Suggestion to the Council.
After the appropriations are made they go into the hands of the city treasurer who assigns each item to its proper fund and an appropriation made for one purpose can not be delivered to another. No money can be drawn from the treasury without an order signed by both the treasurer and the auditor. Both gentlemen are enjoined from drawing any order on any account that is exhausted. If it were proper for me to make a suggestion I would suggest that the council have the auditor submit each month to them a list of all appropriations, what has been expended from each one and the balance remaining. The executive however has nothing to do with it; it is a matter resting with the council alone but I have no doubt that the auditor would be glad to comply with the rule.

State Road to Adams.
The last appropriation for roads was only \$10,000 while the appropriation the year previous was \$20,000. In view of this it was thought best to have an appropriation of \$2500 for macadam highway. The policy of this administration has been to supplement the work of the state highway commission in laying macadam roads on the approaches to the city. We have sent this week by authority of the council a petition for the requirement of a state highway from Ashland street to the Adams line according to the plans made by Frank B. Locke, the civil engineer, to the state commission. This is in accordance with the plan of Adams to have a state highway built in that town to meet with us and make a fine avenue between the two places.

Another Fine Approach.
Then Clarkburg will also send in a petition and have a mile or more of road built from where the macadam stops in the Union and so we will have three grand avenues approaching the city, one from Vermont, one from Adams and one from Williamstown, all being a source of pleasure and gratification to wheelmen,

to pedestrians and to those who drive. When the southern road reaches this city, the city will have to connect it with the northern road because the state commission will not build a road where it is underlaid with pipes and that is the reason why it did not continue the road from Williamstown into this city last season.

The Union Macadam.
So when it came this year to laying the macadam, I suggested to Mr. Hunter, the commissioner of public works, that that money could be expended in the Union, and added that the Arnold Print works would be very glad to give a like amount. The matter was arranged and the work was begun near the Windsor Print works and carried toward the northern line of the city in accordance with the general plan that I have indicated. It was impossible to begin the work until late in the season owing to the work on the sewer.

The Lally Percentage.
The highway work was done by Mr. Lally, to whom the work was given upon a percentage. To many this may seem a little queer but the same business principle has prevailed in my own business. When we built the Beaver mill we did not contract the work but paid a percentage of 10 per cent and did our own insurance. On the street however Mr. Lally got twelve and one-half per cent and he insured the men, two and one-half per cent going for the insurance.

Keeping Things Here.
I want to say fellow citizens that we have never done any contract work except that we once built a picker house for \$3,000 which has been torn down. In fact, we don't believe in contract work because when you do that you must let your work to the lowest bidder, and when you come to do a close piece of work the result is often that it is bid in by an out-of-town party. Except where we have been compelled to, either by the terms of the charter or by public sentiment as in the case of the reservoir, I have steadily discountenanced the idea of contract work. By the contract system the out-of-town bidder generally gets the job, and the people of North Adams are defrauded of the labor. I believe in keeping all we can in North Adams, even the congressman when we have a man competent for the office. Follow citizens, there is nothing too good for North Adams.

Best Sewered City.
I want to speak a word about the excellent work that has been done by our board of health, a work that few people realize the importance of. The board of health consisting of Dr. Simpson, Mr. Ashe and Mr. Richardson have made a great study in relation to the perfection of methods in this city whereby sickness and disease can be prevented by reason of better sanitary appointments. They have acted in every case under the advice and in consultation with the state board of health. The domestic sewer running from the Clarkburg line down through Union street Eagle street, Potter place and along thither side to the Marshall street bridge was constructed at their suggestion in co-operation with the state board and when we get across the river and all connections are made we will be according to the engineers of the state board one of the best sewered cities in the Commonwealth or in the country.

All are Connected.
I am aware that the members of the board of health in being so stringent in their regulations have occasioned some hardships in compelling people to connect with the sewer and though strictly proper and not to be blamed, this has seemed to be a hardship in many cases. We, too, have felt their action. They have compelled the Arnold Print works to connect with the sewer at a cost of from \$15,000 to \$20,000. This was something of a hardship to us as that is a great deal of money, but we have connected with the sewer, the Windsor Print works are connected, Mr. Barber's tannery is connected and the result of it is that we can say to you that while it has cost the people a great deal of money it has also done a great deal of good.

Phoenix Bridge Contract.
Just a word in regard to the Phoenix bridge. Of course you are aware that the old bridge was condemned. Plans were drawn and submitted to the council for a new bridge and the council having approved them, we went to work at it and advertised for bids. The contract was awarded to the Berlin Iron bridge company which was the lowest bidder. At the time the contract was awarded to them they were very short of work and were willing to take the contract at a low price because of that fact; but between the time that the bid and the award of the contract, business came into their works so that they were very much delayed.

Work of An Expert.
In drawing up the contract with them an expert was called, and the contract drawn is of the strongest kind. It was drawn by the counsel of the New York Central railroad and every clause in it has been adjudicated upon in the courts. It is a contract where the damage for the non-fulfillment means \$25 for each and every day that North Adams has been deprived of this bridge after the first day of September.

I had the honor today to ride over that bridge at the request of Mr. Hunter, the commissioner of public works. So the bridge is all right. We have got the bridge. We have not paid a cent for it and it is all ready for use. There will be \$25 deducted for each day you have been deprived of its use.

The Fortitude to Be Best.
Suppose we had taken a bond? If the specifications were not stated upon the bond all the damages would have to be assessed by a jury, before you would have gotten the measure that you are entitled to, and the litigation would probably last two or three years before the courts would decide the matter. As it is, our contract price will not be paid until every provision in the contract is fulfilled, and I have no reason to believe there will be any objections made by the company to complying with the provisions prescribed. Regarding the delay in getting the bridge here, they had to get the work done in one of Mr. Carnegie's mills and that made another delay.

The Whitney Agreement.
We let the abutters to Mr. Whitney who pushed the work as fast as possible and worked extra time on account of the difficult excavation that had to be made and to get the abutters ready so that they could receive the bridge within the contract period. We had no hesitation in regard to bonds because we were well

aware of the fact that Whitney Bros. had \$100,000 in unencumbered real estate in the city of North Adams and they received no pay until the work was done. We had a perfect right to do what we did and we did it.

Debt Increased but What?
I want to say that the executive department has worked the best it could to perform its duties and better and improve the condition of North Adams. I appreciate the fact that we have increased the debt, but what have you received in return? It is due to you that you know just where we stand. It is my pleasure to present a financial statement covering the two years of this administration, and which I know to be absolutely correct showing where we stood when we became a city and how we stand today. In the first place I will take up the money that we have borrowed.

Financial Statement.
LOANS MADE IN 1896 AND 1897.
June 1, '96—School house loan, \$140,000
City hall loan, 30,000
Water loan, 30,000
Mch 16, '97—School house loan, 100,000
Refunding loan, 50,000
Sewer loan, 50,000
Nov 15, '97—Permanent Improvement loan, 45,000
445,000

DISBURSEMENTS FROM ABOVE LOANS.
Braytonville school house, 50,001.37
Johnson street school house, 53,388.49
Beaver school house, 28,516.02
Addition to Church street school house, 21,933.49
Surface and domestic sewers, 65,000.00
City hall property, 30,000.00
Property adjoining city hall, 15,000.00
Property adjoining normal school, 26,133.03
Completing Notoh dam and farms, 43,202.62
Paid on acct' paving Main, Marshall and Church streets, 26,069.78
Refunding loan, 3,000.00
Balance cash on hand, 60,407.20
415,000.00

We hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of receipts, expenditures and cash on hand.

JAMES W. HARDEBERGER, City Treasurer,
AUSTIN BOND, Auditor.

Statement.
Debt Feb. 1, 1896, \$735,530
Loans made in 1896, 200,000
Loans made in 1897, 215,000
\$1,080,000

Paid on acct. debt '96, \$20,350
Paid on acct. debt '97, 42,868.63
78,916.63
\$1,001,083.37

Net increase of debt, \$369,583.31
We hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of our city debt and the net increase in two years.
JAMES W. HARDEBERGER, City Treas.
AUSTIN BOND, Auditor.

The Return.
What have we got in return for the increase of debt? Four new school houses at \$200,000; completion of Notoh dam and buying of farms, 43,000; city hall and Hodgskins property, 45,000; lands on Church street, 20,000; domestic and surface sewers, 65,000; totals, \$379,000.

Fearless Board of Health.
Now fellow citizens, that finished up, we have got something else treating of what affects these improvements have had upon the health of this fine city. Listen to the rest of them. It is in itself very interesting. I want to say with all feeling that we should be grateful in having a faithful and fearless board of health for their work shows the best results from the improvements which they have recommended and which have been carried out.

Population Increase.
The increase in the number of school children in the last two years has been from 3,077 to 3,793, an increase of 716. Deducting from this the children of kindergarten age who are now in the schools and were not there two years ago, we have an increase of 516 children. According to all estimates of population based on the number of school children this would show an increase in our population of 2,039. This makes no allowance for the

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